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ABSTRACT

enzonaphthalene compound has the formula

$$TIOX$$
 R_1
 R_2
 R_3

wherein R₁ represents

or (ii) -CH2OH; R6 represents

or OR7 wherein R7 represents hydrogen, alkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms, monohydroxyalkyl or polyhydroxyalkyl, r' or r" represent hydrogen, lower alkyl, mono or polyhydroxyalkyl, aryl or a residue of an amino acid or a sugar, or together form a heterocycle; R2 represents hydrogen, alkyl having 1-15 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1-4 carbon atoms or a cycloaliphatic radial; R3 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1-10 carbon atoms, a cycloaliphatic radical, a thiocycloaliphatic radical or —O—Si(CH3)2—R8 wherein R8 represents lower alkyl; and R4 and R5 represent hydrogen, lower alkyl, hydroxy or lower acyloxy.

This compound is useful in the topical and systemic treatment of dermatologic diseases and in the treatment of the degeneration of conjunctive tissues. The compound also possesses anti-tumor activity.